

# Information Products Bulletin

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## Significant Information Products Released/Completed Since the Last Publication of the Information Products Bulletin - August 2003, v.7

The Information Products Bulletin (IPB) is a joint effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) to inform the public about "*significant information products*" being developed by EPA and some states, and identify opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement. "*Significant information products*" include products under development or modification by EPA and states, that use national or regional data to describe environmental conditions, trends, and/or the performance of companies, facilities and communities.

The products described below have been completed and released since the publication of the Interim Information Products Bulletin.

## Air

### Fuel Economy Guide

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Fuel Economy Guide provides annual model year fuel economy data for cars and trucks. The Guide includes annual miles per gallon estimates for 2004 model year vehicles, and ranks vehicles from the most fuel efficient to the least fuel efficient.

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**Stakeholder/Public Involvement Method(s):** Other

**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov)

### Green Vehicle Guide

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Green Vehicle Guide is a consumer-oriented Web site presenting emission and fuel economy data for new cars and trucks. Vehicles are rated from 0 to 10 on emission performance, with 10 being the cleanest.

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## Latest Findings on National Air Quality: 2002 Status and Trends (Summary Report)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This is an annual report summarizing EPA's most recent evaluation of air pollution trends in the United States. The focus is on the status and trends in the ambient air concentrations and emissions of six pollutants (carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide) for which EPA has established national ambient air quality standards. Trends related to air toxics, visibility and acid rain are also summarized.

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## National Air Quality and Emissions Trends Report 2003 Special Studies Edition

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This report is on EPA's most recent evaluation of air pollution trends in the United States. The focus of the report is on the status and trends in the ambient air concentrations and emissions of six pollutants (carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide) for which EPA has established national ambient air quality standards. EPA also identifies air quality trends related to toxic air pollutants (such as benzene, methylene chloride, and mercury) and acid rain. The report also includes a special studies section including reports on chemical speciation, impact of the Asian dust storm, cumulative ozone exceedances, characterization of national spatial variation, and a new reporting technique.

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## Reformulated Gasoline & Anti-dumping Program Complex Model Parameters

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** Derived from a complex model, national annual average parameter values for reformulated gasoline (RFG) and conventional gasoline (CG) are provided by season (summer and winter). This information is derived from individual RFG & Anti-Dumping Batch Reports submitted by importers and domestic refiners. California gasolines (gasoline for consumption within the state of California) are exempt from reporting requirements, and are not represented in this data. This information is from report data and is not measured directly by EPA. EPA calculates aggregated national average parameter values from the volume and property data in the batch reports.

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# Cross-Media

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FY 2003 Annual Report

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA's fifth performance report under the Government Performance and Results Act will assess Agency performance results against annual performance goals for FY 2003 and progress towards EPA's strategic goals. The report will also discuss FY 2003 performance against previous FY performance, as relevant to understanding annual accomplishments and progress longer-term. EPA's FY 2003 Annual Report will incorporate reporting information required by other management statutes (i.e., Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act; Inspector General Act Amendments; Chief Financial Officers Act) for management integrity, audit follow-up, and audited financial statements.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/ocfo](http://www.epa.gov/ocfo)

## Pesticides

### Pilot Reservoir Monitoring Report

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** Working with the United States Geological Survey, EPA designed and implemented a pilot reservoir monitoring program that provided actual occurrence data of pesticides in surface and ground waters that supply drinking water to the public. This study analyzed raw and finished water samples for 197 pesticides and degradates in 12 reservoirs throughout the United States.

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# Solid Waste and Emergency Response

## The WasteWise 2003 Annual Report: Celebrating the Innovations of Our Partners in WasteWise's 9th Year

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The WasteWise Annual Progress Report describes the most recent waste reduction results reported by WasteWise partners, summarizes other major program developments and accomplishments, and salutes the most recent WasteWise award winners. WasteWise is an EPA voluntary partnership program through which businesses, governments, and institutions reduce waste, benefitting their bottom line and the environment. Partners set their own goals and report their accomplishments in three areas: waste prevention, recycling, and buying/manufacturing recycled-content products. Currently, more than 1,200 partners receive technical assistance and recognition for their municipal solid waste reduction efforts. The Progress Report is an annual document which presents partners' voluntarily reported waste reduction numbers as well as examples of specific partners' achievements and general trends in the program.

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## Five-Year Reviews Online

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This database contains Five-Year Reviews for Superfund Sites where a remedial action resulted in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining on site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. Reviews at such sites must be conducted at least once every five years after the initiation of the remedial actions. Five-Year Reviews are conducted either to meet the statutory mandate under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §121(c) or as matter of EPA policy, and are classified as either 'statutory' or 'policy'. The Reviews can be searched by site name, EPA ID, state, region or keyword.

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## MSW in the U.S.: Facts and Figures

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** Each year EPA publishes a comprehensive report on the quantity, composition, and management practices of municipal solid waste (MSW) generated in the United States. The data is based on a model that tracks consumption of materials in the manufacture of consumer goods and products. Data is broken down by material (paper, glass, steel, etc.) and product (newspapers, corrugated cardboard, beverage containers, etc.) and reported in terms of amount generated, recycled, and disposed.

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## Superfund's Data Element Dictionary (DED)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Data Element Dictionary (DED) provides definitions and descriptions of elements, tables, and codes from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database used by the Superfund program. It also provides additional technical information for each entry such as data type, field length, and primary table. It can be searched by table name, element name, or keyword.

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# Toxic Substances

## Integrated Science - Soil Model Project

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA, in partnership with the Department of Defense Education Activities (DODEA) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), is updating one of its screening tools, the Internet Geographic Exposure Modeling System (IGEMS), to make it more user-friendly for an external audience. This project will allow communities, educators and students to use the IGEMS Soil Module (released in September 2001) to perform analyses and calculate exposure, fate and transport information. Ultimately, this project will expand to include water and air data currently available in the IGEMS model. The Integrated Science Project will promote the use of scientific models as instructional tools and help communities become directly involved in solving environmental problems. This project was originally listed in the Interim IPB (September 2000) as the Computerized Modeling System Project. Several changes have taken place since then regarding the focus and scope of the project.

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# Water

## Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2000 Report to Congress

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The 'Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2000 Report to Congress' presents the results of a joint EPA-State survey of water quality programs and projects eligible for funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). EPA prepares this report in response to section 516 of the Clean Water Act. This is the thirteenth survey/report since 1972. The CWNS is a collaborative effort between the States and EPA. States entered data into the CWNS database during a 21-month period between April 2000 to January 2002. States obtained the necessary information from a variety of sources. State-entered data was reviewed and analyzed in accordance with agreed-upon criteria before being accepted for inclusion in the main body of the report. State-reported needs that did not meet the criteria are reported separately as Separate State Estimates. The name of this survey/report has been changed from the Clean Water Needs Survey to the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey to reflect the broader scope of the 2000 survey and the importance of implementing programs and projects on a watershed basis. For the purpose of CWNS 2000 a 'need' is defined as a water quality or public health problem and an associated cost that is eligible for funding under the CWSRF. The need had to exist on January 1, 2000, and be supported by documentation that the States and EPA agreed upon before the survey was initiated. In addition, technical data, such as population, flow, and effluent quality are summarized and presented in the report.

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